

# Council Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday 20 May 2026**

**Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre**

**Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi**

**Commencing at 1:00 pm**

# Community Vision 2045

From its flowing hills to its coastal woodlands and wild unspoiled coastlines, the Bass Coast is a source of celebration for all who live in and visit the region.

Our townships are vibrant, rich with culture and full of life, each with its own distinct character. Drawing on our creativity, innovation and resilience we've created a thriving and diverse economy that supports sustainable agriculture and industry.

We live proudly on Bunurong Country, and build on learnings from our First Peoples and their knowledge. We coexist in harmony with our environment, and are prepared for future challenges and changes.

We are the people of the Bass Coast. Experience our cultures and history, and contribute to our story.



The meeting commenced at 1:01 pm.

Cr. Brett Tessari read the Mobile Telephone Reminder and Statement of Acknowledgement

Cr. Rochelle Halstead read the Councillor Statement.

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# 1 Present and Apologies

Councillors: Cr Brett Tessari, Bunurong Ward (Mayor)
Cr Ron Bauer, Island Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Meg Edwards, Bunurong Ward
Cr Mat Morgan, Bunurong Ward
Cr Tracey Bell, Island Ward
Cr Rochelle Halstead, Western Port Ward
Cr Jon Temby, Western Port Ward
Cr Jan Thompson, Western Port Ward

Officers: Mr Greg Box, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Jodi Kennedy, General Manager Communities & Culture
Mr Patrick Dillon, General Manager Innovation & Engagement
Ms Donna Taylor, General Manager Future Places
Ms Jade Glen, Manager Governance & Communications

Apologies: Cr Tim O'Brien, Island Ward

# 2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

# 3 Confirmation of Minutes

## 3.1 Council Meeting 29 April 2026

**That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 April 2026 be confirmed.**

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jon Temby / Seconded: Cr. Jan Thompson**

**That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 April 2026 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# 4 Mayor and Councillor Reports

## 4.1 Cr Rochelle Halstead - Mayoral Report

This report covers the period from 15 April 2026 to 29 April 2026

### Acknowledgements

Nil

In brief the Mayoral activities have included the following:

### Activities

- Vaisakhi celebrations at the Officer Gurdwara
- Grand Opening of our new Gazebo, Glen Alvie Recreation Reserve
- Kernot Farmers Lunch
- Anzac Day Service - Bass Valley Friends of the RSL
- Wonthaggi Anzac Day Service

### Meetings

Attended Council Workshops and Briefings

Chaired Councillor Only Meetings

Weekly meetings with CEO, Council Support and Communications

Additional Meetings:

- Coronet Bay Community Association Meeting
- Meeting with Rosa Trattoria, Pinos
- One Gippsland Online Delegation Meetings Briefing
- MAV Board Meeting
- Budget 2026/27 - ONLINE SESSION
- CEO Employment Matters Committee meeting (CEO mid-year review)

### Other

Media Enquiries/Interviews

- Nil

Phone calls, emails and letters

## 4.2 Cr Brett Tessari - Mayoral Report

This report covers the period from 29 April to 20 May 2026

### Acknowledgements

Nil

In brief the Mayoral activities have included the following:

### Activities

- Candlelight Vigil
- Wonthaggi & District Netball Association Volunteer Appreciation Round
- Flag Raising to Recognise IDAHOBIT 2026

### Meetings

Attended Council Workshops and Briefings

Chaired Councillor Only Meetings

Weekly meetings with CEO, Council Support and Communications

Additional Meetings:

- Peri Urban Councils Victoria Board Meeting
- Special Charge Scheme - Committee of Council The Esplanade (Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr court)
- Budget Hearing Submission
- State Delegation Pre-Briefing
- State Delegation Parliament House, Spring Street
- Senior Adviser, Office of Minister Dimopoulos
- Minister Paul Hamer, Minister for Local Government, Youth Justice, and Corrections
- Minister Ros Spence, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Minister for First Peoples and Minister for Community Sport.
- Budget Hearing Submission
- Bass Coast Community Foundation Board Meeting
- Development plan for Nesci Court Inverloch

### Other

Media Enquiries/Interviews

- Funding Announcement Filming - Wonthaggi Secondary School Site
- ABC Gippsland - Wonthaggi Secondary School Site Funding Announcement
- WIN News – Wonthaggi Secondary School Site Funding

Phone calls, emails and letters

## 4.3 Cr Tracey Bell - Councillor Report

### Bass Coast Specialist School – Autism Awareness Poster Launch

Participated in a student-led Autism Awareness initiative with Bass Coast Specialist School. Students presented an Autism Awareness poster to Council staff to support greater understanding of autism and neurodiversity.

The poster is being displayed during Autism Awareness Month and will be followed by a staff quiz, with feedback to be shared with students to demonstrate the impact of their advocacy.

### Cowes ANZAC Day Services

Attended the Cowes ANZAC Day Dawn Service and the 11.00am service, laying a wreath in remembrance of those who have served and sacrificed.

### Community Engagement and Advocacy

Undertook community engagement activities including:

- Hosting two drop-in sessions - one at Berninneit and another at the craft market - to provide residents the opportunity to raise issues and share local concerns
- Meeting with Sunset Strip residents
- Discussion with a Mountain Bike Association representative
- Participation in a Committee of Council meeting to consider public submissions for the Special Charge Scheme – The Esplanade (Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court).
- Meeting of traders regarding the impacts of the Cowes Streetscape works

I also wish to acknowledge Zev, a young Phillip Island resident, for his initiative in collecting a petition representing the voices and signatures of young people regarding the McDonald's planning application. This effort demonstrates thoughtful civic participation and highlights the importance of ensuring young people are actively engaged in local decision-making processes that shape their community.

Finally, this week marks National Volunteers Week, and I've had the pleasure of attending celebrations at PICAL and the Community Dinner at St John's. Volunteers are truly the lifeblood of our community, and Phillip Island has one of the highest rates of volunteerism in Victoria. I would like to sincerely thank all our volunteers across the many organisations in our shire for the invaluable work you do.

### 4.4 Cr Jon Temby - Councillor Report

Attended the April Council meeting and briefings

Attended WP Ward councillor's meetings and briefings

Attended broader councillor only time meetings

Broader community contact / meetings with community leaders

Attended Western Port Biosphere Board Meeting and assisted the review of the Western Port Biosphere Risk Management strategy and Risk Register and discussed the combined councils three key strategies with its CEO.

Discussed the possibility of overall environmental strategies for the whole of the Westernport bay catchment that could involve more than the four councils associated with the Biosphere, Bunurong land council and others. Potential for major local Eco - tourism benefits as well.

Attended BCSC Budget online session -disappointed in the lack of public interest despite the regular and time-consuming budget related questions to council.

Attended Leigh Rowles gallery opening at Artspace - well worth visiting

Visited Silverleaves and Inverloch coastal erosion sites, good to see that the somewhat temporary but expensive dredging work has started at Inverloch. Silverleaves is still eroding away. The suggested levee bank idea won't work when built on sand: Rising sea levels simply seep underneath and flood inside the levee, heavy rains will exacerbate the inundation concern but may reduce the current vegetation loss from existing saltwater ingress which is still mostly below surface level.

Met with a delegation opposing the proposed childcare centre in San Remo

Attended IDAHOBIT flag Raising in Wonthaggi, important the recognise and respond to the need for it

Attended and laid a wreath at the San Remo ANZAC Day ceremony

I have been disappointed to find that I cannot rely on the clearly espoused views and intentions of others. This situation causes a lack of trust and makes collegiate discussion and forward planning less open and less productive.

Received additional calls and further discussions regarding the San Remo childcare centre proposal, options for the Old School site, beach erosion, Nth Wonthaggi development, the need for a Dark Skies approach to public and private lighting, etc,.

We should demonstrate greater respect for the protection and enhancement of our natural environment and ensure that we do not further degrade our intergenerationally important natural assets. Our economy, our ability to feed the world and our future generations depend on a healthy natural environment. We need more people to recognise that fact and support measures to protect and enhance our biodiversity, even if its only done for human self interest.

### 4.5 Cr Mat Morgan - Councillor Report

A couple of clear highlights from this month!

Thanks to Newhaven College for the invite to hear from the year 8 humanities and science students who have been studying energy generation. I was truly impressed to see the depth of knowledge about our energy systems and climate impacts. Our future is in good hands!

What a thrill to welcome the Hawthorn AFLW club down to Inverloch. The team spent a couple of days visiting our local schools to meet with students and encourage girls' participation in sport. Thanks for making the trip over to Bass Coast!

## 5 Public Question Time

### 5.1 Public Questions

## Question 1

Philip Davy

**Topic:** Urban Description

Why does Council have a number of policies and construction programs prioritising the word Urban which according to dictionary definitions is described as city living, high density housing areas. Bass Coast Shire is described as a regional area, consisting of seaside villages, towns, hamlets and rural areas.

**Response:**

**Through the Mayor, reference to urban refers to the distinction between policies and programs that affect our developed, constructed townships, as opposed to the rural breaks and predominant agricultural land which is of a non-urban nature.**

**Question 2**

Philip Davy

**Topic:** Thompson Avenue

Why doesn't the newly constructed Thompson Avenue, have kerb and gutter to protect pedestrians from possible errant vehicles and retain stormwater on the road instead of concrete edging, erosion of landscaping and stormwater flow will be a problem along the eastern side and at the intersection with The Esplanade

**Response:**

**Through the Mayor, the Cowes Foreshore Precinct is designed to be a low-speed environment and open spaces that encourage safe pedestrian and vehicle movements. The design ensures water movement is directed towards storm water drainage collection points and discharge areas.**

**Question 3**

Sancha Stevenson

**Topic:** Application PDPLANPER-2025/001206

Q1. With 19 on-site car parks provided for 21 required staff, leaving zero on-site drop-off spaces for a 100-place childcare facility, how can Council legally or safely approve this application when 100% of parent parking is forced onto Shetland Heights Road?

Q2. Given that the applicant's proposal and Council's official notice contained the wrong property address, what statutory provision allows Council to vote at the 20th May meeting on an invalid application, rather than immediately deferring until a legally accurate application and public notice are processed?

**Response:**

**Through the Mayor, car parking rates are set under State planning provisions and provide the basis for Council officer assessment, including the consideration of safe vehicle movements and road environs.**

**The application referred to the historical address of the land, prior to its subdivision. This was subsequently updated through the application.**

**This matter will be dealt with within this meeting agenda.**

**Question 4**

Kerry Dawes

**Topic:** Councillor Performance

Q1. How does the Council measure their performance and Councillors measure success in their role as Councillor

Q2. How should the community measure success of the Council and individual Councillors

**Response:**

**Through the Mayor, Council's Quarterly Performance Reports, together with the Annual Report, provide transparent reporting to the community on the achievements of Council. These documents can be found on Council's website.**

**Each individual may have different criteria for how they measure success or the performance of their elected Councillors.**

**Question 5**

Joe Waralow

**Topic:** Treasury Report

The treasury report, page 40, ending 31 March 2026 shows term deposits. $14 million maturing 3rd quarter 2026-27. $13 million maturing 1st quarter 2026-27. What is the strategy when each year the lessor expenditure to Capital Works ($2.373 million 2025-26) is paid out in the first quarter.

**Response:**

**Through the Mayor, the cashflow and funds held on term deposit are driven by several factors including the timing of Rates Revenue receipts, expenditure on Operational Projects and wider organisational commitments.**

**This is in addition to planned Capital Works. These factors are all considered when placing funds on term deposit.**

**Question 6**

Graham Jolly

**Topic:** Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flow Statement page 43, Expenditure of Materials and services ($30.529 million) at 31/3/2026. 30/6/2026 Forecast figure is ($50.896 million) which is an expenditure across the last quarter at ($19.867 million). Page 50, draft Budget 2026-27 provides a listing. Why is council spending $19.867 million in the last quarter.

**Response:**

**Through the Mayor, the forecasted Quarter 4 expenditure is relative to the movements of financial statement areas of the balance sheet, notable due to the timing of supplier payments. A higher trade creditors' balance was reported at the end of Quarter 3, with a $3 million reduction forecast by the end of Quarter 4.**

**Question 7**

Graham Jolly

**Topic**: Capital Works expenditures

First quarter ($2.373 million), Second quarter ($8.232 million). Third quarter ($6.479 million). Fourth quarter forecast 30/6/2026 ($18.372 million) which is a yearly total of ($35.456 million). Why has council waited until the last quarter of the year to complete and pay for works at $18.372 million.

**Response:**

**Through the Mayor, Council does not delay works to the final quarter—this reflects how capital projects are delivered and paid. Early in the year is focused on procurement and commencement of works, with construction completion occurring later. Payments are typically made at completion or key milestones, resulting in higher expenditure in the third and fourth quarters.**

## 6 Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

## 7 Petitions and Joint Letters

There were no Petitions and Joint Letters.

# 8 Reports Requiring Council Decision

## 8.1 2025-2026 Q3 Performance Report

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jan Thompson / Seconded: Cr. Ron Bauer**

**That Council receives the March 2026 Quarterly Performance Report.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8.2 89 Shetland Heights Rd SAN REMO - Planning Permit Application No. PDPLANPER-2025/001206

**Council Decision**

**Cr. Jon Temby moved an alternative**

**Moved: Cr. Jon Temby / Seconded: Cr. Jan Thompson**

**That in relation to Planning Permit application PDPLANPER-2025/001206 for use and development of a Child Care Centre with 100 places, removal of vegetation, display of Business Identification Signage and reduction of the car parking requirement by 2 spaces located at 89 Shetland Heights Road, Council resolves to issue a Notice of Refusal on the following grounds:**

1. **The application is inconsistent with the objectives and strategies of Clause 12.01-1S; 12.01-1L; 12.05-2S; 12.05-2L-01; and Clause 12.05-2L-02 as they relate to the protection of biodiversity and removal of vegetation, and the fragmentation of habitat.**
2. **The application is inconsistent with the objectives and strategies of Clause 13.07-1S which seek to avoid locating incompatible uses in areas that may be impacted by adverse off-site impacts from commercial, industrial and other uses.**
3. **The application is inconsistent with the objectives and strategies of Clause 16.01-1S; 16.01-1L; and Clause 16.01-2S which seek to increase the proportion of housing in urban areas with good access to opportunities and services as it seeks to commercialise residential land.**
4. **The application is inconsistent with the objectives and strategies of Clause 19.02-2S which seek to locate childcare, kindergarten and primary school facilities to maximise access by public transport and safe walking and cycling routes; ensure childcare, kindergarten and primary school and secondary school facilities provide safe vehicular drop-off zones, and ensure streets and accessways adjoining education and early childhood facilities are designed to encourage safe bicycle and pedestrian access.**
5. **The proposal is inconsistent with the purpose of Clause 32.03 which seeks to provide for low-density residential development.**
6. **The proposal is inconsistent with the purpose and landscape character objectives of Clause 42.03 which seek to ensure that buildings are sited and designed to minimise detrimental impact on the landscape.**
7. **The proposal is inconsistent with the purpose of Clause 52.06 which seeks to ensure the provision of an appropriate number of car parking spaces having regard to the demand likely to be generated, the activities on the land and the nature of the locality.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.3 Nesci Court Development Plan**

**Council Decision**

**Cr. Meg Edwards moved an alternative**

**Moved: Cr. Meg Edwards / Seconded: Cr. Mat Morgan**

**It is recommended that Council:**

1. **Support the endorsement of the proposed development plan identified as 'Nesci Court Development Plan,' prepared by Planning Central Pty Ltd, Version 14, subject to the required following changes to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority:**
    a) **The five trees shown as to be retained within the Native Vegetation Removal Report are to be shown on the Development Plan. The trees shown to be removed are not to be notated on the Development Plan as removal of this vegetation is subject to the Council Meeting - 20 May 2026 Bass Coast Shire Council requirements set out in the Bass Coast Planning Scheme, including Clause 52.17.**
    b) **Addition of a Note on the Development Plan to read 'The area of the interim drainage basin is to be designed and constructed so as to retain existing large scattered trees.'**
    c) **xzAddition of a Note on the Development Plan to read 'Future subdivision applications must include an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) detailing how impacts to flora and fauna are going to be minimised and mitigated during any construction.'**
2. **Resolve to invite landowners to attend a workshop with Council officers, within 3 months of the endorsement or as agreed by the participants, to assist the future development of the land in Stage 5.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.4 Draft Amendment C180basc - 112 Bass Road, Bass Low Density Rezoning**

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jan Thompson / Seconded: Cr. Jon Temby**

**That Council:**

1. **Seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Planning Scheme Amendment C180basc to rezone land at 112 Bass Road, Bass (CA35A TP270643H) from the Farming Zone to the Low-Density Residential Zone in accordance with Section 8A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.**
2. **Subject to Ministerial authorisation, prepares and exhibits the planning scheme amendment to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme in accordance with Section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.5 Bass Coast Landcare Network MoU

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Mat Morgan / Seconded: Cr. Jan Thompson**

**Recommendation**

**That Council endorses the Memorandum of Understanding between Bass Coast Shire Council and Bass Coast Landcare Network, with funding of $112,938 per year (indexed to rate cap annually) until 2029/30.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.6 Western Port Biosphere Reserve MoU

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jon Temby / Seconded: Cr. Mat Morgan**

**Recommendation**

**That Council endorses the Memorandum of Understanding between Bass Coast Shire Council and the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation, with funding of $24,760 per year (plus annual increase of 2.5%) until 2029/30.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.7 Bass Coast Community Awards

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jan Thompson / Seconded: Cr. Tracey Bell**

**That Council endorse:**

1. **The continuation of the Bass Coast Community Awards Program for a three-year cycle (2026–2028)**
2. **The rotating award category to align with each year as follows;**
    - **2026 - Environment and Sustainability Award**
    - **2027 - Contribution to Arts and Culture Award**
    - **2028 - Sports Leadership Award**
3. **The introduction of an additional standing category being Access and Inclusion Award**
4. **The Judging Panel to comprise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, one additional Councillor determined annually by the Mayor, and previous Community Leader and Next Generation Leaders, where appropriate.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.8 Save Silverleaves Petition

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Mat Morgan / Seconded: Cr. Tracey Bell**

**That Council:**

1. **Write to the Hon. Enver Erdogan, Minister for Environment, urging the state government to lead and resource development of a comprehensive Coastal Hazard Adaptation & Resilience Plan that addresses all the coastal hazards to which Silverleaves is exposed.**
2. **Continues to support the implementation of actions in the Cowes East and Silverleaves Adaptation Plan 2025, to protect the north foreshore in Silverleaves from coastal erosion**
3. **Continues to work with lead agencies responsible for emergency management functions, including emergencies arising from coastal hazards in Silverleaves**
4. **Continues its advocacy efforts calling for**
   a. **a state-wide Coastal Inundation and Erosion Control Overlay,**
   b. **a pro-active and equitable framework for staged retreat of coastal assets in vulnerable locations, and**
   c. **urgent funding to adapt where assets are at imminent risk**
   d. **stronger national emissions reduction targets, that are consistent with the latest science**

**CARRIED**

Cr. Ron Bauer called for a division
For: Cr. Brett Tessari, Cr. Jan Thompson, Cr. Jon Temby, Cr. Mat Morgan, Cr. Rochelle Halstead and Cr. Tracey Bell
Against: Cr. Meg Edwards and Cr. Ron Bauer

### 8.9 Delegated Authority to the CEO for Acceptance and Execution of Loan Quotation - New Loan of $2 million

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jan Thompson / Seconded: Cr. Jon Temby**

**That Council:**

1. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to accept the loan proposal and pricing from Treasury Corporation Victoria to finance the loan facility of $2,000,000 to be repaid on a principal and interest basis over ten years.**
2. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the applicable loan facility agreements with Treasury Corporation Victoria on behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.10 Award of Tender No. 26003 - Annual Supply of Tree Maintenance**

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jon Temby / Seconded: Cr Mat Morgan**

**That Council:**

1. **Accept the tender submissions and award the following Tenderers to form the Annual Supply of Tree Maintenance contract;**
   a) **Arborzone Total Tree Care Pty Ltd as The Trustee for The Peter Bateman Family Trust**
   b) **Antler Tree Services Pty Ltd as The Trustee for Antler Tree Services Unit Trust**
   c) **McFees (Aust) Pty Ltd**
   d) **Trimmer Tree Pty Ltd**
   e) **Tree Works Australia Pty Ltd**
   f) **Tricky Tree Works Pty Ltd**
2. **Accept the Schedule of Rates provided in each tender submission, for the contract term of five (5) years.**
3. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute Contracts to the tenderers in Recommendation 1.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.11 Appointments to External and Council Committees**

**Council Decision**

**Cr. Mat Morgan moved an alternative**

**Moved: Cr. Mat Morgan / Seconded: Cr. Jan Thompson**

**That Council:**

1. **Appoints Cr Brett Tessari and Cr Ron Bauer substitute to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) external committee, until the 8 December 2026.**
2. **Appoints Mayor and Cr Ron Bauer to Audit and Risk Council Committee until the 8 December 2026.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.12 Review of Instrument of Delegation - Council to Staff

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jan Thompson / Seconded: Cr. Jon Temby**

**That Council**

1. **In the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, Bass Coast Shire Council (Council) resolves that:**
   a. **There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.**
   b. **The instrument comes into force immediately upon the resolution being made and is to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive Officer.**
   c. **On the coming into force of the instrument, all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.**
   d. **The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9 Statutory Reports

### 9.1 Informal Meeting of Councillors

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jan Thompson / Seconded: Cr. Tracey Bell**

**That Council receive the attached Informal Meeting of Councillors records.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 9.2 Planning and Building Statistics - March 2026

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jan Thompson / Seconded: Cr. Mat Morgan**

1. **Receives and notes the Planning Permits issued under delegation report for March 2026; and**
2. **Receives and notes the Planning and Building Activity Report for March 2026.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 9.3 Councillor Allowances and Expenses for the Council Term 11 November 2024 to 31 March 2026

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Tracey Bell / Seconded: Cr. Ron Bauer**

**That Council receive the report on Councillor Allowances and Expenditure for the Council term between 11 November 2024 and 31 March 2026.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 9.4 Contracts Awarded and or Extended under CEO Delegation for March and April 2026

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Jan Thompson / Seconded: Cr. Mat Morgan**

**That Council notes that the above contracts were awarded and or extended under the delegated authorities in accordance with the Procurement Policy during March to April 2026.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 9.5 Municipal Association of Victoria – Quarterly Delegate Report

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Rochelle Halstead / Seconded: Cr. Ron Bauer**

**That Council notes the MAV Delegates Report for the period of January to March 2026.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10 Urgent Business

There was no Urgent Business.

## 11 Mayoral Announcement of Next Meeting of Council

The next Council Meeting will be held on 17 June 2026 in the Bass Coast Civic Centre Council Chamber, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi commencing at 1.00pm.

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Cr. Ron Bauer / Seconded: Cr. Jan Thompson**

That the meeting be closed to members of the public pursuant to Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, to consider an item/s as they deal with:

(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Meeting adjourned**

That the meeting be adjourned at 2.25pm

**Meeting resumed**

That the meeting be resumed at 2.27pm

## Items Closed to the Public

*Excerpt of Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

(5) If a Council or delegated committee determines that a meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential information, the Council or delegated committee must record in the minutes of the meeting that are available for public inspection—

(a) the ground or grounds for determining to close the meeting to the public by reference to the grounds specified in the definition of ***confidential information*** in section 3(1); and

(b) an explanation of why the specified ground or grounds applied.

**confidential information** means the following information—

(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;

(b) security information, being information that if released is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person;

(c) land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values;

(d) law enforcement information, being information which if released would be reasonably likely to prejudice the investigation into an alleged breach of the law or the fair trial or hearing of any person;

(e) legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies;

(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;

(g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—

i. relates to trade secrets; or

ii. if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;

(h) confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a);

(i) internal arbitration information, being information specified in section 145;

(j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information, being information specified in section 169;

(k) information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition;

(l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the **Local Government Act 1989;**

# 12 Confirmation of Closed Minutes

## 12.1 Closed Council Meeting held on 29 April 2026

# 13 Reports Requiring Council Decision Closed to the Public

## 13.1 Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Committee Meeting Date

It is recommended that the report be closed to members of the public pursuant to Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, to consider this item for the following reason/s:

(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;

# 14 Meeting Closed

That the meeting be closed at 2.31pm.